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PATENT
CASE NO. 56/369

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:)
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Sebastian Tondorf et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 2856
Serial No.: 10/079,922)
) Examiner: unassigned
Filed: February 20, 2002)
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For: SECURING ARRANGEMENT)
FOR TRANSPORTING AND)
MOUNTING A MEASURING)
SYSTEM, AND SUCH A)
MEASURING SYSTEM)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following reference for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. Literature

1. Max Pollermann, "Bauelemente der Physikalischen Technik," published by Springer-Verlag at Berlin, Gottingen and Heidelberg, 1955, pp. 92-95.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Pollermann Excerpt

Based solely on the drawings, the Pollermann excerpt is pertinent because it appears to disclose various spindle arrangements.

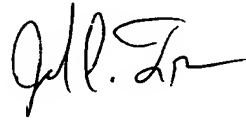
Please note that the Pollermann excerpt, along with previously disclosed German patent publication 199 18 654, was cited in a corresponding German application.

III. CONCLUSION

It is not believed that this reference, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above reference is in no way an admission that it qualifies as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have this reference available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see.

Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of the reference and make the above-listed reference of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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